

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 752 Federal Electronic Equipment Donation Act of 2008

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform on April 9, 2008

H.R. 752 would direct all federal agencies to donate any surplus electronic equipment to libraries, schools, communities, and nonprofit organizations. Under the legislation, each federal agency could either transfer such equipment to the General Services Administration (GSA) or directly to a qualified recipient. In addition, GSA would be required to prescribe rules and regulations governing such transfers and report to the Congress on the program's activities.

Most of the provisions of H.R. 752 would codify and expand the current practice of federal agencies. Under Executive Order 12999, GSA currently donates used electronic equipment to educational facilities through its Computers for Learning Program. Based on information from GSA, CBO estimates that implementing this legislation would not significantly increase costs to GSA or any other federal agencies. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 752 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act. The bill would benefit public schools by authorizing federal agencies and GSA to transfer electronic equipment to those schools.

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